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SERIAL NO: 09/772,894 :

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FOR: THERMALLY-ASSISTED  
MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD,  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE  
SAME, AND THERMALLY-ASSISTED  
MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.